(*b*) The public road leading from Alleppey to Arur through Shertalai and Thoravur.

(*c*) Two cross roads from Thanneermukkam and Mukamma extending as far as the sea-coast.

(2) If the abandoned Shertalai canal could not be taken up and completed, a small canal might be cut from the place where the abandoned canal stopped, for a length of 2 miles up to Arthumkal, so as to connect the existing canal at Arthumkal with the Muttathu *kayal.*

Dewan's reply.—The Government are convinced that the grievances of the people of the Shertalai taluk in the matter of communications are real. The representations of the Member will receive consideration.

82. Need for some public works in the town of Vaikom.

Mr. K. G. Krishna Pillai (Member, T. I. C., Vaikom) referred to the urgency of the following public works in the town of Vaikom and prayed that his representations might engage the early attention of the Government :—

(1) Repair of the outlet for the drainage of *kadi* water from the Vaikom temple, so as to facilitate the discharge of the *kadi* water either into the Puthenthode or the backwater.

(2) Repair of the roads in the town which were in a neglected condition and, hence, useless for traffic, especially in the rainy season.

The roads around the temple were in charge of the Maramat Department. The Member suggested that they might be transferred to the control of the T. I. C. or the P. W. Department.

(3) The repair of the old wooden bridge across the Puthenthode which was in a dangerous and dilapidated condition.

(4) The construction of a bridge near the new market in the place of the ferry sanctioned at the place.

(5) Greater convenience should be afforded for traffic by levelling the encroached area on road *porambokes* and thereby increasing the width of roads. The encroachments had been removed but the levelling remained to be done.

(6) Gravelling of all the roads in the town.

(7) The early construction of the building sanctioned for the local H. G. S. school about six years ago.

(8) Improvement of the road to Vechur.

Dewan's reply.—As regards the construction of the school building, the work could be taken up only after other big school buildings already in hand are completed. The other points mentioned by the Member are noted.

83. Facilities for communication in the Kottayam taluk.

Mr. M. N. Narayana Menon (Member, Kottayam taluk) said that the subject had been repeatedly brought before the Government at the third, sixth and twelfth sessions of the Assembly, that last year a deputation of the Members of the Kottayam Division waited on the Dewan and presented a memorial on the subject and that, when compared with other taluks, the facilities of communication in the Kottayam taluk were very poor. The Member, therefore, prayed that the following public works, which were urgently required, might be undertaken and finished as early as possible :—

(1) Rendering the main road from Kottarakara to Alwaye *via* Kottayam fit for motor buses and repairing existing bridges and constructing new bridges, where necessary, on the roads.

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